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## IDOC Announces New Parole Leadership

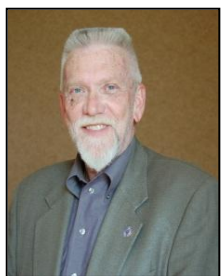
Indianapolis, Indiana (October 23, 2009) – Today, Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Edwin G. Buss announced new leadership assignments within the Parole Division.



Commissioner Buss promoted Steve Keever to the position of Interim Director of Parole and Release Services. Keever began his career with the IDOC as a correctional officer in 1975 and went on to hold many positions in the Parole Division, the most recent being Assistant Director. A native of Fort Wayne, Keever enlisted in the United States Army immediately after high school and served in Vietnam with the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Corrections from Ball State University.



Kenneth Whipker assumes new duties as the Executive Liaison of Sheriff and County Jail Operations. In this position, Whipker will oversee all statutory jail and county detention facility auditing and other related jail operations, while also serving as the IDOC's liaison to Indiana Sheriffs. Whipker most recently served as the IDOC's Director of Parole. Prior to joining the IDOC, Whipker worked with the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office from May 1980 through April 2007, during which he served two full terms as Sheriff. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class 166. Sergeant Major Whipker served with the Indiana Army National Guard from 1976 until his retirement in 2002. He holds Bachelors in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University and a Masters in Management from Oakland City University.



John Markham has been promoted to Assistant Director of Parole and Release Services. Markham will provide personal oversight of the Evansville Parole District, as well as the Southern Parole Region. Markham was appointed District Supervisor of the Evansville Parole Office in August 1995. Prior to beginning his career with the IDOC 19 years ago, he worked for the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court system as a counselor at an adult men's work release center. Markham is a Vietnam Era Veteran and graduated from Indiana State University in 1977.

"Each of these leaders has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help make the Indiana Department of Correction a professional and nationally respected agency," said Commissioner Buss. "I look forward to working with each of them to make our Parole Services and relationships with Indiana jails stronger."

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